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SECURITY INFORMATIONCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Finstertwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     DATE OF CONTENT                     DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 13 June 1952REFERENCES                     PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     REMARKS                     

TO CIA

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1. Between 8 and about 11 a.m. on 19 May 1952, there was flying by 2 or 3 jet bombers and 2 B-25s at Finstertwalde airfield. Between 3 and 3:45 p.m., 3 twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with single rudder assemblies and 3 jet bombers were observed at the field. About 3:30 p.m., a type-27 jet bomber                      landed. The starting noise of a jet bomber was heard at 5:20 p.m. and the take-off by a type-27 jet bomber was observed at 5:35 p.m. The plane circled twice and then landed again. It taxied to a stop on the end of the runway. Upon two white ground signals, two trucks moved from the hangars to the plane. No other air activity was observed and no engine noise was heard. 50X1-HUM
2. A truck with a superstructure which was similar to a searchlight was parked at the west end of the runway. This truck was repeatedly observed at the take off point during flying activity.
3. The radio installation with four masts was unchanged. From 80 to 100 meters south of this radio installation, there was a radio truck with an antenna mast which was three or four times as high as the vehicle. The mast was braced on three sides.
4. Between 9 and 11 a.m. and between 2 and 3 p.m. on 19 May, several take-offs were made by individual jet bombers from the field. The planes made local flight. 50X1-HUM
5. Jeep                      and                      trucks were observed entering and leaving the field:
6. Between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 20 May, the field was observed. When observation started there was flying in hazy weather. It gradually started raining. At 12:40 p.m. flying was discontinued when gusts of wind began to blow. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

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11:17 a.m.  
11:18 a.m.

11:28 a.m.

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Take-OffLandingAircraft

11:37 a.m.

11:41 a.m.

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11:52 a.m.

11:59 a.m.

1 type-30

12:17 p.m.

1 type-30

1 type-27

At 11:05 a.m., a Po-2 circled the field just below the clouds.

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7. Radio truck [ ] with a telescopic antenna which was about 12 meters long and fitted at the right rear edge of the vehicle was still parked in the western extension of the runway.

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8. Motor vehicles observed at the field [ ]

Trucks

Trailer

Sedans

Ambulance

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- \* [ ] Comment. The report does not contain any information on changes since the last report on this field. The two bomber regiments at Finsterwalde airfield still continue to retrain with jet bombers.

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